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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT:CIEC MEETING OF CO-CHAIRMEN: FIRST DAY

1. MORNING SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO PRESENTATION OF G-19
LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMISSIONS. PEREZ-
GUERRERO, WHO CHAIRED MORNING SESSION, LED OFF WITH
STATEMENT PRESENTING THIS LIST. HE MADE FOLLOWING
NOTEWORTHY POINTS:

(A) LIST WAS PRESENTED WITHIN GUIDELINES OF THE
DECEMBER MINISTERIAL (PARA 6 OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE
REFERRING TO PARA 14 OF PREPCON II FINAL DECLARATION).

(B) LIST PRESENTED TO PREPCON II BY THE LDC-7 WAS NOW
SUPERSEDED BY PRESENT LIST OF G-19.

(C) G-19 LIST WAS NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER. PRIORITIES
WOULD BE ATTACHED IN INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS.

(D) SOME ITEMS IN G-19 LIST WERE NOT REALLY INTENDED
FOR DISCUSSION IN COMMISSIONS BUT RATHER REPRESENTED
TRADITIONAL POSITIONS OF LDCS, FOR EXAMPLE REFERENCES
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TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATIONS. FURTHERMORE, IMPLICIT IN G-19 LIST WAS
FACT THAT NATIONAL LEGISLATURES WERE GOVERNING BODIES
FOR CERTAIN TOPICS, FOR EXAMPLE TOPICS 1.6 AND 1.9 ON
LIST FOR ENERGY COMMISSION.

(E) LIST WAS INTENDED BY NINETEEN AS CONTRIBUTION TO
FACILITATING WORK IN CONFERENCE BY BOTH SIDES.

2. IN BRIEF RESPONSE CO-CHAIRMAN MACEACHEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, SAID EIGHT WERE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS G-19 LIST WHICH WAS STILL UNDER STUDY AND THE G-19 LIST SHOULD BE GIVEN STATUS OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND CONSIDERED BY COMMISSIONS TOGETHER WITH PAST AND POSSIBLY FUTURE LISTS.

3. RATHER LOW KEY EFFORTS BY LDC REPS TO ELICIT MORE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THEIR LIST OF TOPICS RECEIVED ITS STRONGEST EXPRESSION FROM ALGERIANS. AIT-CHALLAL RECALLED HISTORY OF LDC EFFORTS TO SECURE MORE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR COMMISSIONS, INTERPRETED G-19 LIST AS PART OF THAT EFFORT, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LIST HAD ONLY RECENTLY BEEN CIRCULATED, BUT OBSERVED THAT ITS IDEAS WERE NOT NEW. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING WAS TURNING INTO PURELY PROCEDURAL SESSION AND URGED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. WITHOUT CLEAR GUIDELINES, EXPERT-LEVEL COMMISSIONS WERE LIKELY TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN TECHNICAL DETAILS.

4. US (BOSWORTH) AND EC (WELLENSTEIN) IN COMPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS MADE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL POINTS: (A) G-19 LIST WAS BEING STUDIED; (B) WE WERE NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS ITS SUBSTANCE NOW; (C) SUCH DISCUSSION WAS FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS; AND (D) POSSIBILITY OF OUR OWN SUBMISSIONS TO COMMISSIONS WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, REFERRING TO ALGERIAN CONCERN THAT

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INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS WOULD BE AT EXPERT LEVEL,

BOSWORTH SAID US FELT THAT POLICY LEVEL REPRESENTATION IN COMMISSIONS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE AND WE INTENDED TO STAFF COMMISSION DELEGATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

5. WELLENSTEIN SAID COMMISSIONS WOULD NEED TO REFLECT ON THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WOULD CONSIDER TOPICS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS WOULD PROBABLY WORK DIFFERENTLY, BOSWORTH SAID THAT HE THOUGHT ENERGY COMMISSION AND PERHAPS OTHERS MIGHT WELL FIRST SEEK COMMON ASSESSMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE FACTS OF SITUATION AS BASIS FOR IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS. AT SUBSEQUENT POINT IN MEETING PEREZ-GUERRERO RETURNED TO THIS QUESTION SAYING THAT ANALYSIS AS SUCH SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONS BY DELEGATIONS OR GROUPS OF DELEGATIONS. BUT ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES TO PREPARE COMMON ASSESSMENTS SINCE THE COMMISSIONS WERE NOT STUDY AND RESEARCH ENTITIES. BOSWORTH REITERATED DESIRABILITY OF COMMON APPRECIATION OF PRESENT AND - TO EXTENT POSSIBLE - FUTURE SITUATIONS, BUT NOTED THAT THIS VIEW DID NOT REQUIRE DECISION ON WHERE INITIAL STUDIES WOULD BE PREPARED. JAPANESE (IYAZAKI) AGREED THAT COMMON APPRECIATION WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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USEFUL. THEY THOUGHT WORK DONE IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS COULD BE USEFUL AND COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY THE WORK OF INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, THUS PROVIDING COMMON DATA AND ASSESSMENTS ON WHICH TO BASE DISCUSSIONS. LIKE BOSWORTH, IYAZAKI SAW THIS AS ONE OF FIRST TASKS OF COMMISSIONS.

6. SUGGESTION THAT NEUTRAL WORDING FOR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED IN COMMISSIONS WAS MADE BY BOTH EC (DONDELINGER) AND JAPANESE DELS. PERUVIAN DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EFFORT MIGHT BE MADE TO REWORD G-19 LIST. WELLENSTEIN REPHRASED POSITION OF HIS COLLEAGUE TO ELIMINATE THIS IDEA AND P-G'S SUMMARY INDICATED THAT SUCH REFORMULATION WOULD BE UNNECESSARY AND TIME-CONSUMING.

7. ISSUE OF WHETHER PRESENT MEETING WOULD DISCUSS G-19 LIST SUBSTANTIVELY WAS EFFECTIVELY HANDLED BY PEREZ-GUERRERO, WHO NOTED IN SUMMARY THAT NINETEEN HAD PUT FORWARD THEIR LISTS AS CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF CONFERENCE, THAT MEMBERS OF EIGHT WERE NOT NOW PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT IN SUBSTANCE, AND EIGHT BELIEVED DISCUSSIONS SHOULD GO FORWARD IN INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS. P-G THOUGHT THIS WAS AS FAR AS PRESENT MEETING COULD CARRY ISSUE, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT MATTER BE KEPT ON AGENDA OF TEN CO-CHAIRMEN FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION IF WARRANT-

ED. HE SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT COMMISSIONS HAD SUB-
STANTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OWN WORK PROGRAMS AND
THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD NOT BE INFRINGED. NEVER-
THELESS, POTENTIAL PROBLEMS EXISTED IN TERMS OF
DUPLICATION OR GAPS IN WORK OF RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS,
AND TEN CO-CHAIRMEN COULD PERHAPS PLAY USEFUL ROLE ON
SUCH MATTERS. THIS DID NOT PRECLUDE
MEETINGS OF CO-CHAIRMEN AMONG TWO OR MORE COMMISSIONS
SHOULD THAT BE USEFUL.

8. ON RELATIONSHIP AMONG WORK OF DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS,
SOME DELS (US, JAPAN) THOUGHT DUPLICATION NO PROBLEM AND
IN MANY CASES DESIRABLE AND INEVITABLE. JAPANESE NOTED
IN THIS CONNECTION THAT G-19 HAD ASSIGNED SPECIFIC
TOPICS TO PARTICULAR COMMISSIONS AND BELIEVED THIS
ASSIGNMENT SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE OTHER COMMISSIONS, IF
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THEY SO DESIRED, FROM TAKING UP THESE TOPICS. SAUDI
ARABIANS RESPONDED THAT G-19 LIST REPRESENTED POSITION
OF NINETEEN ON HOW WORK SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND SA
WOULD RESERVE ON ALLOCATION OF WORK NOT ENVISAGED IN
NINETEEN LIST UNTIL THEY SAW SPECIFICALLY WHAT WAS
BEING PROPOSED.

9. P-G'S CONCLUSIONS FROM MEETING WERE AS FOLLOWS:
NOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN OF THE G-19 LIST. IT WOULD BE MADE
A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT AND CIRCULATED AS SUCH BY THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. ITS RESPECTIVE PARTS WOULD BE
SENT TO THE RELEVANT COMMISSIONS. THESE COMMISSIONS
COULD STILL RECEIVE OTHER SEPARATE LISTS ON SEPARATE
QUESTIONS. WHENEVER THIS WAS TO BE DONE THE TWO
CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED. THE
AUTONOMY OF THE COMMISSIONS, HOWEVER, WAS TO BE PRESERVED
THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN OF EACH COMMISSION WOULD DISCUSS
THE WORK PROGRAM TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE GUIDELINES. EACH
COMMISSION WOULD PREPARE ITS OWN WORK PROGRAM. SINCE

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THE TWO CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD BE INFORMED ON HOW EACH COMMISSION WAS PROCEEDING THEY WOULD, IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS, ARRANGE FOR FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE GROUP OF TEN CO-CHAIRMAN AS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. THE TEN CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD SEEK TO DO WORK WHICH EACH OF THE COMMISSIONS COULD NOT DO BY THEMSELVES AND WOULD NOT HINDER MEETINGS AMONG CO-CHAIRMEN OF TWO OR MORE COMMISSIONS.

OBSERVERS

10. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF OBSERVER PARTICIPATION IN THE FOUR COMMISSIONS, THE CHAIRMEN FINALLY AGREED THAT THE MOST DESIRABLE COURSE WAS FOR 10 CO-CHAIRMEN TO AGREE WHICH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD OBVIOUSLY PARTICIPATE ON CERTAIN COMMISSIONS ON PERMANENT BASIS, LEAVING IT TO COMMISSIONS SUBSEQUENTLY TO INVITE OR RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR OTHERS ON THE ESTABLISHED LIST TO PARTICIPATE WHEN SUBJECTS OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THEM WERE UNDER DISCUSSION. COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES WOULD ALSO DECIDE WHICH ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NOT ON THE LIST SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS ON AN AD HOC BASIS. PERU NOTED ESPECIALLY THAT SELA SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAME TREATMENT AS OECD. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION BY BOTH SIDES IT WAS FINALLY AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FOUR COMMISSIONS THAT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND AS PERMANENT OBSERVERS: ENERGY (UN SECRETARIAT, OPEC, AND IEA); RAW MATERIALS (UN SECRETARIAT, UNCTAD, OECD, FAO, GATT AND SELA); DEVELOPMENT (UN SECRETARIAT, UNCTAD, OECD, FAO, GATT, UNDP, UNIDO, IBRD AND SELA); FINANCE (UN SECRETARIAT, UNCTAD, OECD, IMF, IBRD AND SELA). IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT NOT MORE THAN TWO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE PRESENT FROM EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

11. ON QUESTION OF AUDITORS PEREZ-GUERRERO STATED THAT G-19 CAUCUS IN JANUARY HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT ON A VERY SPECIAL BASIS, A COUNTRY PRESENT AS AN AUDITOR COULD, IN EFFECT, OCCUPY THE SEAT OF A COMMISSION PARTICIPANT TO EXPRESS A VIEW ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT RAISING THIS ISSUE FOR DECISION BUT SIMPLY TO INDICATE THAT THIS CONCERN DID EXIST AMONG CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE G-19. US (BOSWORTH), NOTING THAT P-G HAD NOT SUGGESTED THIS ISSUE BE ADDRESSED DIRECTLY BY 10 CO-CHAIRMEN, SAID THAT NONETHELESS US HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY SUCH PROCEDURE SINCE IT WOULD DIRECTLY CONTRAVENE THE POSITIONS AGREED AT KLEBER II AND CONFIRMED BY MINISTERS IN DECEMBER. HE NOTED US WOULD BE CONCERNED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE, IF CONDONED, WOULD TEND TO ERODE THE REPRESENTATIVE YET RESTRICTED NATURE OF THE COMMISSIONS - IN OUR VIEW ONE OF THEIR MAJOR STRENGTHS. THIS POSITION WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY EC (WELLENSTEIN) WHO SAID THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW A PROCEDURE SUCH AS THAT OUTLINED BY P-G COULD EVER BE ACCEPTED, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR A COMMISSION PARTICIPANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AN AUDITOR, IDENTIFYING THE STATEMENT AS THE EXPRESSION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY. P-G REPLIED BY STRESSING THAT HE HAD ONLY WANTED TO CALL THIS CONCERN ON THE PART OF SOME G-19 COUNTRIES TO HIS FELLOW CO-CHAIRMEN.

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TIMES AND DURATION OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

12. AFTERNOON SESSION CLOSED WITH INITIAL TOUR DE TABLE

ON QUESTION OF COMMISSION SCHEDULES. NO SURPRISES WERE FORTHCOMING ON EXPECTED INITIAL POSITIONS, WITH LDCS URGING PROTRACTED SCHEDULE OF SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS EARLIER REOORTED. FOLLOWING FIRST STATEMENT OF POSTIONS, SAUDI ARABIA MODIFIED PROPOSED SCHEDULE SLIGHTLY, BY SUGGESTING THE COMMISSIONS MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY THREE TIMES BEFORE APRIL 12. FIRST MEETING (FEB 11) SHOULD BE SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN OTHERS, PERHAPS LASTING FIFTEEN DAYS. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS OF TEN DAYS EACH MIGHT BE HELD, ONE IN MARCH AND ONE IN APRIL.

13. EC DEVELOPMENT (WELLENSTEIN) - AFTER RESTATING RATIONALE FOR SHORT MEETINGS SEPARATED BY FAIRLY LONG INTERVALS - CALLED FOR FOUR MEETINGS BEFORE OFFICIAL-LEVEL CIEC SESSION WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD OCCUR SOMETIME BETWEEN JULY 1 AND 15. WELLENSTEIN SAID EACH SESSION SHOULD LAST ONE WEEK (NO LESS, NO MORE) AND SHOULD BE SEPARATED BY INTERVALS OF 3 - 5 WEEKS.

14. DISCUSSION ON TIMING AND DURATION OF COMMISSION
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